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Mr. Philip Wittenberg
70 West 40 St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wittenberg,

Possibly the two letters I have just written Holt may interest you. I'd appreciate any suggestions you'd care to make. Those false claims by Holt have been called to my attention by four or five booksellers.

The reaction to my book by the bookstores has been good. While undertaking my own(and as yet fruitless) public relations, publication and distribution I have learned that this is, in fact, one of the hottest subjects. I have not been turned down by a single one of the 18 stores I have approached. They have taken a total of 728 copies. From the limited check, they are also selling well, surprisingly well for a book in such form, with such a price, and with an unknown publisher, unmentioned in the press and totally without advertising.

I have obtained a local distributor, from whom I expect a contract soon. I hope he does some work then and gets the book out, for I do expect to break the monolithic refusal of the press to consider the subject. Several reviews have been promised. Two local TV stations have expressed interest, and one radio appearance is already scheduled. If I can only pull the plug, it will all pour out, from what the working press, who have expressed their fascination and admiration, say is true.

One major paper is considering syndication and serialization. They may make their decision soon. It will be one of policy, a tough one to prepare for.

More than ever I regret Norton's delay. I could have and should have had this book out months ago, but I really did want them to do it. I like them.

I hope you are feeling better and that your doctors have identified and successfully treated your difficulty.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg